

1. A barrier for protecting an object from encroaching elements comprising:
 - an organic bentonite-based material; and
 - an outer boundary surface disposed to retain the material in a selected location, the location at least partially surrounding the object.
2. The barrier of claim 1, wherein the boundary surface comprises a retaining device configured to retain the material.
3. The barrier of claim 1, wherein the object comprises a pole.
4. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the material is disposed surrounding the base of the pole.
5. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the material is disposed around the pole extending outward from the pole a distance of between about 6 inches to about 10 feet.
6. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the material is disposed around the pole extending outward from the pole a distance of between about 2 inches and about 5 feet.
7. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the material is disposed around the pole extending outward from the pole a distance of about 3 feet.
8. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the material is disposed around the pole to a depth in the range of between about .25 inches and about 4 feet.
9. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the material is disposed around the pole to a depth in the range of between about 4 inches and about 2 feet.

10. The barrier of claim 3, wherein the material is disposed around the pole to a depth of about 8 inches.
11. The barrier of claim 1, wherein the boundary surface comprises an annular plastic sheet.
12. The barrier of claim 1, wherein the boundary surface comprises the edges of a depression.
13. A method for protecting an object, the method comprising:
 - providing an outer boundary surface disposed to retain a material in a selected location, the location at least partially surrounding the object; and
 - depositing an organic bentonite-based material.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein providing an outer boundary surface comprises creating a depression about the object for holding the material.
15. The method of claim 13, wherein providing an outer boundary surface comprises installing a circular plastic sheet configured to retain the material.
16. The method of claim 13, wherein depositing the material further comprises depositing the material in a radius about the object.
17. The method of claim 13, further comprising depositing the material and forming an upward slope towards the object.

18. The method of claim 13, wherein depositing the material further comprises pumping the material from a source.
19. The method of claim 13, wherein depositing the material further comprises shoveling the material from the source.
20. A barrier for protecting an object from encroaching elements comprising:
 - a pole;
 - an organic bentonite-based material;
 - an annular plastic sheet disposed to retain the material in a selected location, the location at least partially surrounding the object;
 - the material is disposed around the pole extending outward from the pole a distance of about 3 feet; and
 - the material is disposed around the pole to a depth of about 8 inches.